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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : John C. Lee et al.
Application No.: 09/287,500 Confirmation No.: 6377
Filed : April 7, 1999
For : COMPOSITIONS AND THERAPEUTIC METHODS
USING MORPHOGENIC PROTEINS AND
STIMULATORY FACTORS
Group Art Unit : 1647
Examiner : D. Romeo

New York, New York
April 2, 2003

Hon. Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in reply to the January 2, 2003
Restriction Requirement in the above-identified
application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a
Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) to extend the time
for replying to the Restriction Requirement for a period
of two months up to and including April 2, 2003.

Prior to examining this application, kindly
amend the application as follows:

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